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TODAY and TOMORROW

A Propaganda Stunt

AS the result of their eight-day conference at Yalta in Crimea, the so-called 'Big Three'—Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill—have issued a joint statement, which is nothing but a propaganda stunt to put heart into the war-weary peoples of the anti-Axis countries, especially those of Britain and America. The Anglo-Americans are still groaning under the heavy burden of war taxation which has already wellnigh reached the breaking point. The U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau has just disclosed that the war has so far cost the United States over 238 billion dollars. Britain's war expenditure is also colossal. And there is no knowing as to how long the overtaxed Anglo-American peoples will have to continue paying for the war.

With all this enormous wastage of money and sacrifice of men, ships and planes in appalling numbers, the anti-Axis powers have not made any appreciable progress anywhere. On the Western European Front, particularly, their progress has come to a dead stop as the result of the stiff German resistance. In the Eastern European Front, too, the Russian progress has been halted. In the circumstances, the anti-Axis statement in the form of a threat to wipe out the German nation will not impress even their own war-weary peoples. Nor will it have the least effect on the Germans themselves who are determined to fight to the last drop of their blood. This impotent threat is only another proof of the growing pessimism that is prevailing in the anti-Axis camp today.

To the outside world, however, the statement is very amusing. For one thing, it clearly shows that Stalin has won a complete victory over Roosevelt and Churchill in regard to the crucial question of Poland. Roosevelt and Churchill have given in to Russia annexing Polish territory up to the Curzon Line. They have also thrown overboard their long-cherished nurseling the Polish Refugee Government in London in favour of the Stalin-sponsored Lublin Committee. Thus the Anglo-Americans who started this war for safeguarding the territorial integrity of Poland have at last gone back on their war aims.

Another feature of the joint statement is the utter absence of any promise of liberty to subject countries like India. The British for all their talk about the Atlantic Charter and universal freedom are not going to quit India until and unless we root out their cursed power from our sacred soil. Our freedom has to be fought for with our very blood.

Luzon Defenders Wage Successful War In All Areas

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Reinforcements To Enemy Forces In Manila Zone Completely Checked

A Nippon Base at the Philippine Front, Feb. 12 (Domei)—Nippon forces battling enemy invasion troops on Luzon are continuing to wage successful warfare of attrition on the various battlefronts on the island. Meanwhile, Imperial air units have carried out a night raid against the American airfield at San Fabian, destroying grounded planes and causing a pillar of flame to spout at one point at the enemy airbase in the face of an enemy anti-aircraft and searchlight barrage.

Grimly fighting ground units in Bataan Peninsula as well as south-west of Manila nailed down powerful enemy forces, checking United States attempts to reinforce invasion forces attempting to reduce the Philippine capital with troops which previously landed in Subic Bay and Nasugbu. Imperial defenders entrenched in mountain trails in the height west of Aga are successfully checking the advance of the enemy from Nasugbu and exacting a heavy toll of American lives and materials.

Our forces in the Bataan Peninsula, intercepting the enemy from the Subic Bay sector checked the enemy drive approximately ten kilometres west of Kulo.

Meantime, at the southern foot of the central Luzon mountains, Nippon forces are carrying out storming assaults against heavily superior enemy forces equipped with heavy guns and tanks, while in the vicinity of San Jose Imperial close-range assault units inflicted heavy damage and casualties on the enemy who infiltrated to a point seven kilometres east of San Jose. Nippon forces are engaging in daring mobile and storming operations while part of our forces readjusting their front are now entrenched in the northern side of the mountains.

In the Lingayen Gulf sector Nippon storming units annihilated a strong enemy group which invaded the height on the south-western side of Camp 1 near Baguio. There were no major developments in the war situation in this sector however.

Colossal American War Expenditure Revealed

Lisbon, Feb. 12 (Domei)—United States Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., today revealed that the war so far has cost the United States $238,000,000,000, or a sum seven times the expenditure of World War I, according to a Washington dispatch.

PURSHOTTAMDAS TANDON ARRESTED UNDER INDIA DEFENCE REGULATIONS

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Reasons Of Arrest Not Disclosed Great Unrest Reported In U.P.

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Latest reports received here from India indicate that the anti-British revolution continues to gain in strength despite the inhuman repression by the British authorities. The Congress leaders who are still outside the prison, are reported to be carrying on a raging campaign in their respective areas to further strengthen the revolutionary movement.

Internment orders and bans on meetings and demonstrations, and similar repressive measures adopted by the authorities are being defied by the leaders and the public, with the result that the authorities are terribly panic-stricken. In a vain attempt to suppress the revolution, the authorities have began to arrest prominent leaders.

A New Delhi report stated that Sri Purshottamdas Tandon, the veteran Congressman of U.P. and the Speaker of the U.P. Assembly, was arrested yesterday at Kasi near Gorakhpur under the so-called Defence of India Rules. The report did not make any mention as to the circumstances under which Sri Purshottamdas Tandon was arrested. It is believed that the situation in the United Provinces has become most critical for the British authorities.

Meanwhile, the impotency of the Central Assembly which is nothing more than a debating society, has been brought home to the members yesterday when an adjournment motion was ruled out of order. The adjournment motion was tabled by the Muslim League Party with the object of censuring the British Viceroy's failure to recommend to the Secretary of State to stop the recruitment of non-Indians to the Indian Civil and Police Services.

Sir Francis Moody, the so-called Home Member, replying on behalf of the British authorities, argued that the subject involved in the adjournment motion, was a matter in which the British Viceroy can use his discretionary powers, without consulting anybody.

Though the Opposition members retorted that according to the Government of India Act, 1935, the Viceroy should consult his councillors on such matters as the Indian Civil Service and the like, the President of the Assembly held the adjournment motion out of order, thus providing one more proof of the fact that the Central Legislative Assembly, as constituted at present, is nothing but a sham and a mockery.

League Vice-President Pays Official Visit To Indo-Sinbun Sha

Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, vice-president of the I.I.L. Rear Headquarters, East Asia, paid an official visit to the Indo-Sinbun Sha yesterday.

Taking advantage of the visit Dr. Lukshumeyah spoke a few words of advice to the staff and employees and reminded them of their role as freedom fighters in the war of Indian independence. Though they are in occupations similar to pre-war times, said Dr. Lukshumeyah, they must bear in mind the fact that they were at present serving a national cause, which is as important as that of a soldier on the front. As they were serving the national cause he hoped that they would carry out their duties in that spirit.

Sri. K. E. Ganapathy, Acting Director of the Indo-Sinbun Sha, thanked Dr. Lukshumeyah for his visit and assured him of the unstinted support of the staff and employees in the cause of the freedom movement.

Chief Of Staff Thanks Donors Of Valuable Gifts & Presentations

As many as 64 Indian firms and individuals made donations in cash and kind for presentation among successful competitors in the Variety Display of the Azad Hind Fauj held at the Jalan Besar Stadium on February 4, in celebration of the first Indian National Army Day.

The Chief-of-Staff, Azad Hind Fauj, who is very appreciative of the useful and valuable gifts, thanks all those business establishments and individuals for their donations and those gentlemen who had taken the trouble to go round and make the collections.

Enemy Ship Torpedoed & Sunk In Leyte Waters

A Nippon Base in the Philippines Feb. 12 (Domei)—A Nippon submarine singled out one large enemy transport from among a group of enemy transports in waters east of Leyte Gulf on the morning of Feb. 11 and torpedoed the vessel which sank instantaneously.

Two Foe Submarines Sunk In Pacific Theatre

Tokyo, Feb. 13 (Domei)—Nippon naval forces yesterday sank one enemy submarine in the Central Pacific. Another enemy submarine was sunk by the Nippon air force in waters west of the Nippon mainland yesterday.

Enemy Warcraft Severely Pounded Off Ramree Island

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Two Destroyers Sunk Or Heavily Damaged In Surprise Air Raids

A Nippon Base at the Burma Front, Feb. 12 (Domei)—Large formations of Nippon bombers and fighters spotting enemy warcraft cruising in the north-eastern channel of Ramree Island launched a surprise attack at dusk yesterday, sinking one enemy destroyer and heavily damaging another destroyer which was most probably sunk, and in addition scored direct hits and near misses on one enemy cruiser. All Nippon aircraft returned safely from this operation.

Meanwhile, at the northern front, Imperial ground forces have inflicted more than 1,500 casualties on the enemy in heavy, bloody fighting which has been raging in the past several days and nights against troops of the British 20th Division along the left bank of the Nabet River.

The centre of the battle is located 85 kilometres south-west of Mandalay, due north of the confluence of the Chindwin and Irrawaddy rivers. The enemy is throwing in tanks, supported by artillery and aircraft and attempting a forward drive on a broad front toward the Irrawaddy in concert with the British Fifth Division which is advancing along the road connecting Kalewa and Pakkoku. Nippon forces are bleeding the enemy with powerful counter-attacks by special night attack units.

Meanwhile, Nippon interceptors and anti-aircraft batteries shot down or heavily damaged 34 enemy planes yesterday afternoon during two enemy raids on Rangoon. The raiders included 57 B-29's 78 B-24's and 30 odd P-38's. One B-29 and two B-24's were definitely shot down, while 22 super-forts, eight Liberators, and one P-38 were seriously crippled. Hot interception prevented the enemy from achieving his objective.

Fresh Nippon Landing Effected On Morotai

A Nippon Base at the Southern Front, Feb. 13 (Domei)—Fresh Nippon units on Jan. 10 effected a landing on Morotai Island to reinforce units which are daily conducting close-range assaults against enemy forces. The newly-landed units after inflicting heavy personnel losses upon the enemy forces are now waiting the opportune moment to strike at the airfields on the island.

Chinese Communist Bandits Mopped Up

At the Eastern Shantung Front, February 12 (Domei)—Since launching in the early part of January a punitive campaign against Chinese Communist bandits infesting the eastern section of Shantung Province, Nippon forces completely smashed the Chukiawa airfield and also accounted for 81 bandits killed and 20 taken prisoner. In addition, our forces captured 65 rifles with 280 rounds of ammunition, 50 hand-grenades, 18 bayonets and many other weapons.

It was on January 13 that our forces completely reduced Chukiawa, 50 kilometres south-west of Jihchao in the eastern section of Shantung Province. Our forces are at present in hot pursuit of enemy remnant forces in this sector.

Anti-British Uprising North Of Chittagong

Rangoon, Feb. 12 (Domei)—Delayed information received here reported a large-scale uprising started against the British forces on January 27 and is still going on unabated in the area north of Chittagong, with the centre of the disturbances in Toreo village.

Highhanded requisitioning of foodstuffs, shanghaing of male villagers for labour purposes and molesting of female folk are reported to be the direct causes of the riot.

The area of disturbances is still being enlarged and the British military authorities with the local police are threatening to resort to firearms.

Crushing Blow Inflicted On Foe In Hankow Sector

(By a Domei War Cor.)

At the Hankow Front, Feb. 13 (Domei)—Nippon forces after reducing Shackuan, important point on the Canton-Hankow railroad, caught up with the enemy in the sector east of the railroad at 8 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 9. Five hundred enemy troops were caught by our encirclement operations in the vicinity of Wengyuan, situated 70 kilometres south-east of Shaokuan and put to rout.

Meanwhile, Nippon units operating from the Central China sector are dealing crushing blows against approximately 2,000 enemy troops encircled for the past several days in the vicinity of Pingshek, situated approximately 20 kilometres north-west of Lochang.

Discontentment In Rome; General Strike Declared

Lisbon, Feb. 12 (Domei)—Dissatisfied over the Bonomi Government's inability to carry through effective food relief measures, workers in Rome have decided to declare a general strike in order to bring further pressure on the anti-Axis-sponsored regime, according to information received here today.

With inflation rampant throughout anti-Axis-controlled Italy, the Central Trade Union, labour mouthpiece, is said to have addressed a letter to the Bonomi Government, urging the elimination of blackmarkets as one of the steps toward stabilizing Italian domestic economy.

Furious Fighting Progressing In Bunzlau Sector

Berlin, February 12 (Domei)—The operative centre of fighting on the Eastern Front continued in lower Silesia yesterday. Marshal Koniev's formations kept advancing further westward against tenacious German opposition. Soviet assault divisions which advanced from the Steinau bridgehead have now reached the area of Bunzlau, 48 kilometres west of Sagan, frontline dispatches said. Furious fighting is at present progressing in that region

West of Breslau German troops in a counter-attack drove the enemy advancing to the south back as far as the area of Kanth-Kostenbluth and thus prevented his linking up with comrade forces moving up to the north-west from out of the Brieg bridgehead. Breslau is by no means surrounded, dispatches said. Between Bielitz and Ratibor on the upper reaches of the Oder strong enemy attacks supported by tanks and battleplanes were held up, the German communique stated. Fierce but locally restricted fighting took place in the area of Furstenberg on the Oder

Marshal Zhukov's formations appeared to be planning to bring up fresh reserves for the second phase of the planned attack on Berlin. In the south of Pomerania the Soviets attempted a breakthrough to the north-west in the direction of Stettin but there the attacks were again repulsed.

The German defenders of Schneidemuehl and Posen are engaged in heavy street fighting against the Soviets who broke into the interior of the fortress. the Fuehrer's headquarters communique stated. After weeks of heroic fighting the German garrison of Elbing in west East Prussia succumbed to the enemy's numerical superiority.

Between the lower Rhine and Meuse the British were able to advance from the boggy area north of Cleve to the eastern rim of the Reich Forest after grim fighting, the German High Command stated

Dr. Ivan Subasic To Form Yugoslav Govt.

Lisbon, Feb. 12 (Domei)—Dr. Ivan Subasic, Premier of the Yugoslav Government in London, with Yugoslav King Peter's agreement, will proceed without delay to Belgrade "to complete the agreed decision concerning the Regency and the formation of a single government," the Yugoslav Government announced today, according to a London dispatch.

The decision to dispatch members of the Yugoslav Government is reported to have been made at a Cabinet meeting today in which King Peter took part.

Socialist Leader Forms New Belgian Govt.

Lisbon, February 11 (Domei)—Achille van Acker, Belgian Socialist leader, has succeeded in forming a new Belgian Government following the resignation five days ago of the Pierlot Ministry, according to the Brussels Radio today. The members of the new Government are expected to be announced shortly.

No Solution Yet Found In Greek Political Crisis

Lisbon, February 12 (Domei)—"EAM" and Greek Government leaders who have been conducting negotiations for the settlement of the Greek crisis today concluded an agreement formally liquidating the thorny military aspects of the Greek civil war, but their decision appeared to effect no comprehensive solution of the deeper underlying political factors which gave rise to the outbreak of the Greek hostilities, according to information from Athens.

Under the latest accord, the "ELAS",—military counterpart of the "EAM", it is understood, has agreed to lay down its arms, which will be collected by the Greek Government under British supervision, while the current martial law will be gradually replaced by the law known as "Kappa Delta", which was passed in 1920 by the Venizelos regime.

As Sylvain Mangeot, Reuter's correspondent in Athens, pointed out a few days ago the disputing parties of the Greek crisis only are believed to have inclined toward an understanding as both realized that the prolongation of the military situation would serve to neither's advantage.

All indications point to the fact that both the "EAM" and Greek Government factions now will shift their attention to the domestic political front and to the major ideological issues at stake, whose comprehensive solution still appears to be fraught with difficulties.

NOTICE

Special Editions of the "Azad Hind" (Hindustani), "Suthanthira India" (Tamil), "Swathanthra Bharatham" (Malayalam), and the "Azad Hind" (English), will be issued tomorrow, in commemoration of the third anniversary of the Birth of New Malai.

The papers will be on sale in the morning and the Offices of the Indo Sinbun Sha will remain closed for the day.

Grave Labour Situation In British Cotton Mills

Lisbon, Feb. 12 (Domei)—The general labour situation in Britain's cotton mills continues to cause grave concern, as the average activity of mills in operation—apart from mills stopped under the concentration scheme—has fallen to 65 per cent. of full capacity, according to a Reuter's dispatch today from Liverpool.

Under such circumstances, the output of yarn continues to be difficult with the delivery against old contracts falling further behind, the report said.

Bahau Topioca On Sale At 79 Bras Basah Road

A consignment of tapioca has been received from Bahau by the Bahau Sub-Agency Office, 79 Bras Basah Road, Syonan, and is now on sale there to the public at $1.50 per kati.

'Liberated' Areas In Europe Held Hell On Earth

Tokyo, February 13 (Domei)—Outright burglary and highway robbery committed by armed American deserters who are marauding Paris at night continue to be rampant, the Asahi correspondent reported from Madrid in describing the terrible chaos existing in European countries invaded by Britain and the United States. The correspondent said humanity cannot be saved by only high-sounding words contained in the Atlantic Charter and "liberation from the Nazi yoke" and this fact is being gradually and unmistakably proven by stern actualities which are at present developing in European countries under Anglo-American occupation.

He said from reports of newspaper correspondents of enemy countries, peoples in these ill-fated countries are suffering from starvation, intense cold, and pestilence from which many are daily dying. The Asahi correspondent quoted the Daily Herald's corespondent at Paris as stating that armed burglary and highway robbery are being committed everywhere in Paris every night by American soldiers who have deserted their camps. These burglars and robbers not only assail French citizens but even British and American soldiers.

The Asahi correspondent continued, "After personal observation of the terrible conditions existing in France, the economic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reported that the word 'liberation' denotes awful misery to the French people nowadays and nothing else. The Daily Mail describing the untold hardships of the French people reported that since the landing of United States forces in France, it was only in November that the first coal ration was supplied to citizens. Moreover, since that time no fuel, meat, or oil has been distributed to the citizens who are merely subsisting on a daily ration of a piece of bread and potatoes. Certainly the French people cannot continue to live long, the Daily Mail reported.

The correspondent of the Daily Express picturing life in Paris, reported that with the intensification of the cold, aged and children are fast dying. Girls and boys who have to form queues for hours to get slices of bread are dying from cold. Bakeries and restaurants are closing for want of coal and other fuel. Those who can afford the fare are travelling aimlessly in subways simply to avoid the cold.

In bygone days it was a common sight to see French women doing their knitting under trees in parties, but now this scene has completely vanished since all trees have been felled for fuel. Chairs, tables, desks and even books are being burnt by families to warm themselves.

In his impressions on his recent trip to Italy in January a member of Colliers' Magazine, Archbishop Spellman of New York said existing conditions in Italy after the Anglo-American occupation are far worse than any pessimistic newspaper reports. The chaos which existed in Europe in the mediaeval ages is nothing compared with the utter hopelessness now prevailing in Europe.

Regretting that the morale of the Italian people fell to pieces together with the destruction of historic Italian arts at the hands of British and United States forces, Spellman wrote that all men and women who fear revenge have fled into remote mountains and are leading a primitive life. Grown-ups and children are dying from malaria, tuberculosis, and hunger. Men are seeking jobs to get a piece of bread while women are seeking any kind of jobs simply to be able to buy whatever clothing they can get hold of. But they cannot get any work.

At hospitals in Naples hundreds of young girls are confined to hospitals owing to shameful illnesses, Spellman said, concluding that all this is happening because the United States has not fulfilled any one of the promises that have been made to Italy.

Indian Mass Rally At Indo Gekijo On Friday

As part of the celebrations in connection with the Third Anniversary of the Birth of New Malai, there will be a Mass Rally of Indian men and women of Syonan at the Indo Gekijo North Bridge Road (late Royal Theatre) at 6 p.m. on Friday, the 16th February, 2605. The function is being organised under the joint auspices of the Indian Independence League and the Indian Welfare Association supported by the Indian Press, and will be attended by Representatives of all these bodies.

Sri. M. K. Chidambaram, Chairman of the Syonan Chapter of the Indian Independence League, will preside and will be supported by Judge M. V. Pillai President of the Indian Welfare Association, and other Officers.

Janab M. M. Pawallar (Tamil), Sardar Sohan Singh (Hindustani), Srimati Krishna Gaur Jamnadas (Hindustani) and Kumari S. N. Saraswathy (Tamil) will be the main speakers and they will stress the urgent need for Indians to give all-out co-operation to the Nipponese Administration for the successful termination of the Dai Toa Senso as well as exhort women to help in war Services.

An interesting Picture Show and Musical Programme will follow the speeches.

Prominent Chettiar Passes Away Here

The death occurred at his residence yesterday of Sri. K. V. A. L. RM. Palaniappa Chettiar, a well-known and highly respected member of the Chettiar community. The deceased who had been ailing for sometime was a strong supporter of the Indian Independence League and by his death the League loses a valuable member.

The funeral took place this morning at 11 o'clock and was largely attended by a host of friends and leading members of the local Indian community.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Srijut S. Gopalakrishnan of Sakthi Vilas, 163, Serangoon Road, Syonan, and Srimathi Saraswathi, daughter of late Mr. M. Subramaniam Pillay of 26, Birch Road, Syonan. The marriage will take place in Syonan very soon.

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